

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0067] A corrosive composition, such as an alkaline aqueous carbon dispersion, a cleaner, a cleaner conditioner, or a conditioner, comprises a corrosion inhibitor, e.g., benzotriazole. The corrosion inhibitor is present in an amount effective to reduce or stop the dissolution of metal from a metallic surface, such as a printed circuit board, in contact with the composition. A method to reduce or stop the dissolution of metal from a metallic surface in contact with a corrosive composition, and a method to stabilize or recover a corrosive composition containing metal contaminants by adding an effective amount of a corrosion inhibitor to the corrosive composition.